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Child Care Advocate
Program

Child Care Centers Self-Assessment Guide

PHYSICAL PLANT REQUIREMENTS



COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING DIVISION
"Promoting Healthy, Safe and
Supportive Community Care"

SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDE CHILD CARE CENTERS

This self-assessment guide is for the physical plant and is designed to help you and others involved in the administration of the child care program perform periodic self-assessments of your center's operation. By using this, you can find problems and then correct them yourself. This guide lists some of the most common problem areas found by licensing staff when they make visits. Read each statement and check Met or Not Met for the answer that best describes your child care program.

This is not a complete list of licensing regulations. It includes many of them, but does not replace the regulations. When the licensing worker visits, they may look at more than what is in this guide. You should review the child care center regulations for all of the requirements.

PHYSICAL PLANT REQUIREMENTS

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| _____ | _____ | 1. Facility is clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair. (101238)
-Children protected from hazards; wading pools, swimming pools,
disinfectants, poisons, and other items.
-Firearms are not allowed on or stored on the premises. |
| _____ | _____ | 2. Outdoor activity space has at least 75 square feet per child based upon total
licensed capacity. (101238.2/101239)
-Shaded areas for children are provided.
-Climbing equipment has resilient material underneath.
-Equipment is age appropriate and free from any hazards.
-Children are able to get to the playground safely.
-Playground is fenced.
-Hazardous materials are kept away from children.
-Sandboxes are inspected daily and are free of hazardous materials. |
| _____ | _____ | 3. Indoor activity space has at least 35 square feet per child based upon total
licensed capacity. (101238.3) |
| _____ | _____ | 4. Drinking water is readily available both indoors and outdoors. (101239.2)
-Bottled water or portable water containers are used.
-Children are free to drink as they wish. |

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- _____ 5. Fixtures, furniture, and equipment are adequate and well maintained. (101239)
- Temperature ranges between 68 and 85 degrees.
 - Children with special needs have equipment or aids they need.
 - Each child has their own towel and washcloth.
 - Separate toilet and handwashing fixtures are available for ill children.
 - Furniture and equipment is age appropriate.
- _____ 6. Napping equipment is kept in good condition. (101239.1)
- Childrens blankets/sheets are stored individually.
- _____ 7. Childrens clothing, personal belongings and/or bedding are individually stored. (101238.4)
- Storage space is available for play materials.
 - Napping equipment is stored when not being used.
 - Combustibles, cleaning equipment and cleaning supplies are kept in areas separate from food supplies.